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TITLE: Direct Observation of Molecular Modification in Biological Test Systems by
Measuring Fluorescence Lifetime

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-captioned application. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as described on page 3 of this amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 2-7 as shown in the attached sheets (page 4 of this amendment).

Please add new claim 9 as shown in the attached sheets (page 5 of this amendment)